(c) whether Government have also invited the foreign investors to participate in domestic flights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Like other business establishments, foreign aircraft manufacturers are allowed to carry on legitimate business activities in India.

(b) Information is being collected.

(c) and (d) The existing Domestic Air Transport Policy permits foreign equity participation upto 40% and NRI/OCB investment upto 100% in the domestic air transport services. However, equity from foreign airlines is not allowed directly or indirectly in the domestic air transport sector.

Credentials of private airlines

4963. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint regarding the credentials of the private airlines operating in the domestic sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government against such private operators in the civil aviation sector?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) On receipt of some adverse report from Government Agencies, the non-scheduled operating permits of M/s Mesco Airlines and M/s Delhi Flying Club have been cancelled by the M/o Civil Aviation. Recently certain adverse input against Chairman of Jet Airways have been received. The matter is being examined by the Government.

New Private Airlines

4964. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAITON be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new private airlines are seeking permission to operate from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding the existing private airlines operating in the domestic sector;

(d) whether Government have made any evaluation regarding the functioning and management of the private operators so far; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Consideration of proposal to commence airlines operation is an on going process. Recently proposals for "No Objection Certificates" to start scheduled operations have been received from M/s Visa Air and M/s Jagson Airlines and for non-scheduled operations from M/s Aviator (India) Pvt. Ltd., M/s Leela Aviation, M/s Lancet Airways and M/s Flytech Aviation.

(c) Details of scheduled and non-scheduled private airlines operating in the country are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Operators are required to prepare their Operations Manual as per the guidelines contained in Civil Aviation Requirement Section 2 Series O Part X and follow the procedures as per operations manual. The technical evaluation of all the operators are continuously carried out through audits, when their functioning is checked against the commitment made in the Operations manual.

Statement

Details of scheduled/non-scheduled airlines operating in the country

Sl.No.	Name of Airlines	Type of Aircraft	No. of Aircraft
	Scheduled:		
1.	Jet Airways	B-737-400	10
		B-737-700	11
		B-737-800	9
		ATR 72-500	5
		ATR 72-212A	3
2.	Sahara Airlines	B-737-400	4
		B-737-200	1
		B-737-700	3
		B-737-800	2

Sl.No.	Name of Airlines	Type of Aircraft	No. of Aircraft
NON-SCHEDULED:			
1.	Ace Airways	AS 350B (H)	1
2.	Aerial Services (P) Ltd.	Beech Jet-400	1
3.	Ahmedabad Aviation Academy	Cessna 172 Piper Aztec Cessna 172-P	1 1 1
4.	Airworks India (P) Ltd.	King Air C-90	1
5.	Asia Aviation Ltd.	Cessna Cit II	1
6.	Azal India Pvt. Ltd.	Bell 412 HP (H)	6
7.	Bilakhia Holding (P) Ltd.	Colibri Ec 120B	1
8.	Blue Dart	B-737-200	3
9.	Century Textiles	Cessna Caravan-II	1
10.	Deccan Aviation	Bell 206 L3 (H) Bell 206B3 (H) Bell 212 (H) Bell 407 (H) Ecureil As 355 (H) Pilatus PC-12	2 2 # 1 1 1 2
11.	Dwarka Air Taxi	Cessna 404 Titan	1
12.	Escorts Ltd.	Bell 407 (H)	1
13.	Enbee Aviation	P68C	1
14.	East India Hotels	HS-125-700B C - 90A	1 1
15.	Govt. of Rajasthan	Allouttee III (H)	1
16.	Great Eastern Shipping Co. Ltd.	Bell 212 (H)	2
17.	Himalayan Heli Pvt. Ltd.	SA 315B Lama	1 @
18.	Hindustan Institute of Engg. Tech.	Cessna 172 L	1
19.	India International Airways	Bell 222UT (H) HS-125-3B	1 1

Sl.No.	Name of Airlines	Type of Aircraft	No. of Aircraft
20.	Indo-Pacific Avn.	Bell 206 L4 (H)	1
21.	Jagson Airlines	DO-228	3
22.	J.K. Corp.	King Air B-200	1
23.	Jindal Strips Ltd.	King Air C-90	1 $
24.	Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd.	Chetak Allouete III (H)	1
25.	Megapode Airlines	HS-125-700-B	1
		Falcon 2000	1
26.	Orient Flying School	Cessna-152	2
		Seneca-III	1
		King Air C90A	1
27.	Pawan Hans	Dauphin 2 (H)	20
		Bell 206 L4 (H)	3
		Robinson (H)	2
		MI 172 (H)	3
		Bell 407 (H)	2
28.	Rajputana Aviation	Cessna-172P	1
	Academy (P) Ltd.	Cessna-152	2
29.	Raymond Ltd.	AS-355N (H)	1
		Bell 206 L3 (H)	2
		Cessna Cit-II	1
30.	Reliance Transport	Gulfstream-IV	1
	Travel Ltd.		
31.	Sahara India Airlines	B-737-200	1
		B-737-400	1
		Ecureuil AS 355N (H)	3
		Dauphin 365 N 2	1

Sl.No.	Name of Airlines	Type of Aircraft	No. of Aircraft
32.	Saraya Aviation (P) Ltd.	Beech B-58	1
33.	Span Air Pvt. Ltd.	Bell 206 L4 (H)	1
		Bell 407 (H)	1
		Super King 200	1
34.	Taneja Aerospace and	PC 68-TC	1
	Aviation Ltd.	P 68C	4
35.	Tata Tea Ltd.	MD 600N (H)	1
36.	Trans Bharat Avn.	Beech-99	2
		Bell-206 B3 (H)	2
		Bell 407 (H)	1
		Piper Seneca	1
37.	U.B. Air	Chetak (H)	1
		Bell-212 (H)	3
38.	Vidyut Travel Services	King Air C-90	1

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(H) helicopter

Bilateral agreements for operating flights in India

4965. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has bilateral agreements with as many as 96 countries all over the world and of these only 49 airlines have exercised the option of operating out of India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are considering to change this commercial agreement so that more and more airlines come forward?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) India has so far entered into bilateral Air Services Agreement